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Director of Research Development,  
Atlas Powder Co.,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Sir:

This letter is inspired by the report of Dubos and Davis (J. Exp. Med., 83:409-423 1946. Factors affecting the growth of tubercle bacilli in liquid media.) that the product Tween 80 (polyoxyethylene sorbitan mono-oleate) was exceedingly efficacious in promoting the diffuse growth of tubercle bacilli. We would appreciate it very much if a sample of about 20 g. of this material could be made available to test whether it would have similar properties in influencing the growth of other bacteria and of yeast, which would greatly facilitate researches we are conducting on these organisms.

Very sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg.